GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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DEVELOPMENT OF RUNWAYS IN NEW STATES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to widen/modernize the runways in the capitals of the three newly created States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) :- Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans toextend the runways of Dehradun and Raipur Airports to 7500 feet to make them suitable for operation of AB-320 type of aircraft. The State Government of Chhattisgarh, however, wants the runway of Raipur airport to be extended upto 10500 feet. The land requirement has been projected to the respective state Governments. The AAI has also plans to construct apron, car park, control tower, fire station, and a new terminal building to accommodate 500 passengers at a time at Dehradun Airport.

The existing runway length 8900 feet at Ranchi Airport is already capable of operation of AB-320 class of aircraft. The two existing aprons can accommodate two AB-320 aircraft. The existing terminal building is capable of handling 250 passengers at a time. The construction of canopy in front of the terminal building has also been completed. AAI has further plans to expand and modify the terminal building.